INFORMATION FOR ADVERTISING THE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM ON THE BOUNTIFUL WEBSITE and NEWSLETTER:

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be available again at the Bountiful City Building this coming tax season. If your annual household or individual income is \$51,000 or less, IRS-trained community volunteers will prepare your federal and state taxes free of charge. These tax preparers are especially proficient in getting all the special credits you may be allowed under tax law. The Bountiful VITA site will be open each Wednesday evening from 5:30-8:30 pm, from February 6 through April 10, 2013. If you would like to make an appointment to get your taxes done, call 2-1-1 after January 22 and they will schedule a time for you. Walk-ins are also welcome, but they must be served after those with appointments.

Please bring these items when you come to get your taxes done. (This is not intended to be a complete listing of all possible items needed to complete the return):

- Social Security card for you, your spouse and your dependents. If you don't have a Social Security card, bring an ITIN or a letter from the Social Security Administration.
- Picture ID.
- Correct birthdates for you, your spouse and dependents.
- Wage and earning statements (an example is a W-2.)
- Interest and dividend statements from banks, e.g., Form 1099
- A copy of last year's tax return is helpful, but not essential.
- If you are itemizing deductions, additional materials need to be furnished, e.g., receipts for medical expenses, charitable contributions, mortgage, property taxes, etc.
- Amount paid for daycare, provider's name and address, plus tax identifying number.
- If you want to have a refund electronically deposited, bring a check so that the tax preparer can get the routing number of the bank and your account number.
- Both parties of a joint return must come in to sign the forms, even if e-filing.

Taxpayers may call 2-1-1 for additional VITA site information.

Note: I'm not sure how much space is available on the website and newsletter, so this information may have to be modified to fit the available space. Please call me if I can supply additional information or if you think of something I have left out that might be useful for the local resident to know.

I think you have an electronic bulletin board. If so, it would be nice to put something on that—at least on Wednesdays--or every day, for that matter. Something like, "Get your taxes done here free of charge every Wednesday evening from 5:30-8:30 pm." Or, "Do you qualify for free taxes with VITA? They are done here free of charge each Wednesday from 5:30-8:30 pm."